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Marché scam has new twist

Consummate survivor Sydney Lallouz, exposed three times as a crook, has been linked to the Marché Central scandal in which Sisters of the Good Shepherd were fleeced of millions.

WILLIAM MARSDEN
The Gazette

Give him credit. Sydney (aka Chimon) Lallouz is a survivor.

In the 1970s, he led the high life as an international drug smuggler. He got caught and went to jail for four years. In the 1980s, he remade himself into a big-time real-estate developer, partnering with the city of Montreal in numerous building projects. Suddenly he fled to Spain, leaving behind millions in bad debts to major banks.

Returning in the '90s with an international drug smuggler and fugitive from U.S. justice as a business partner, he invested the smuggler's drug money in a health-food, colonic-irrigation and massage spa in Westmount, and applied his ample skills to ripping off Federal Business Development Bank loans.

The whole thing fell apart when U.S. authorities arrested Lallouz's fugitive friend and seized his investments.

Exposed for the third time by *The Gazette*, Lallouz claimed he was going to commit suicide.

But he thought better of it and instead parted company with his wife, Danielle Binette, and moved to Caracas, Venezuela.

So what is Lallouz up to now?

Despite his retreat to South America, it seems he has landed a role in the epic story of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd.

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FAMILIES

Lone parent nothing new

Single-parent households were about as common in Canada a century ago as they are now, challenging the widely held view that unprecedented numbers of single parents are heading households these days.

"This culture and this society have always had lone-parent families within it, and we have no a society faced the challenges of how best to support these lone-parent families," said Robert Glossop, a researcher with the Vanier Institute for the Family and a chief author of a new statistical report, Profiling Canada's Families II.

A century ago, however, it was death rather than divorce that created most single-parent families. And in that era, extended families provided much of the support that single parents now derive from governments.

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Giuliani drops out

RICHARD DREW, AP

Citing concerns about his battle against prostate cancer and beleaguered by personal scandal, New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani announced yesterday that he is quitting the state Senate race against first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Story, Page A26

The threat posed by mergers

Many towns could lose their bilingual status

ELIZABETH THOMPSON
Gazette Quebec Bureau

QUEBEC – On paper it looked pretty rosy.

The 1997 Quebec government study promised lower property taxes, particularly for the Eastern Townships town of Sutton, and no tax increase for Sutton Township.

Everything was in place to merge the two municipalities.

Residents were skeptical the merger would produce the kind of financial results promised by the civil servants. That was one problem.

But then officials refused to guarantee that the two bilingual municipalities would be able to keep that status once they merged.

"They were at the final decision process and we had a very massive contestation going on in the township ... It was financial and, when the bilingual status became evident, that became a big issue also," recalled Sutton Township Mayor Winston Brosee.

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No Gazette tomorrow

The Gazette will not be published tomorrow because of the Victoria Day holiday.

As a result, in today's paper we're doubling up on some of your favourite features. You'll find two days' worth of horoscopes, bridge columns, crossword puzzles, the Wordeword puzzle and Ann Landers.

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The soap-opera digest and radio listings are on Page K3.

The word on the bird

American goldfinch named Montreal's official avian emblem

INGRID PHAMEUF
The Gazette

The peregrine falcon may be the fastest bird in the world, but beauty beat out speed when the American goldfinch was named Montreal's official bird at the hatching of the city's first bird festival yesterday.

A close cousin of the canary, the bright yellow goldfinch winged it to a close finish with 21 per cent of the 15,000 ballots cast. The American robin came second with 22 per cent of the vote, and the black-capped chickadee was third with 21 per cent. Nineteen per cent voted for the peregrine falcon, and 9 per cent for the great blue heron.

Voters barely gave a hoot for the eastern screech owl, which culled a measly 6 per cent of the vote.

Gasps went up from the audience at the Biodôme when Montreal Mayor Pierre Bourque announced the peregrine falcon came fourth and the great blue heron fifth. The latter often nests near the Lachine Rapids, while a family of peregrine falcons are the most famous tenants of the Place Victoria building in Old Montreal.

"I voted for the American robin, but the goldfinch was my second choice," Bourque said later, proudly displaying a goldfinch pin on his lapel.

"My favourite was the peregrine falcon," said David Bird, professor of wildlife biology at McGill University and president of the bird festival. "But Montrealers are beautiful people and Montreal is a beautiful city, so they chose a beautiful bird."

Votes were cast by the public at the Biodôme, the Botanical Garden, libraries, cultural centres and Access Montreal offices across the city.

There are 148 species of goldfinch around the world, 16 of them in Quebec. The male's spring plumage is the most visible, with a bright yellow body, black cap and wings, and black and white tail feathers. In winter, the male is yellowish-gray; the female is brownish-olive all year round.

Male goldfinch is bright yellow.

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MARIE-FRANCE COALLIER, GAZETTE

Sculptor Robert Comeau shows off his craft at Biodôme yesterday.

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